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## **GLENDALÉ COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ HIGHLIGHTS AIR QUALITY ON GLENDALÉ TODAY**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Glendale Councilmember Manny Martinez’ new edition of the TV show “Glendale Today” features air quality and the impact it has on the community. Martinez interviews Bob Huhn from the Maricopa County Air Quality Department, Doug Kukino, environmental resources director for Glendale, and Sandy Adams, Glendale traffic education manager, about the challenges, concerns and efforts being made to improve air quality in the Valley.

The winter season proves to be the highest health risk due to residential and commercial wood burning, because the pollutants get trapped in colder air. Huhn addresses how important it is to comply with No Burn days in an effort to create a healthier environment. Poor air quality can result in serious health risks such as bronchitis and asthma.

The city of Glendale has teamed up with Maricopa County to improve air quality for nearly 30 years. Kukino discusses the local plans and how they are coordinated, noting the importance of Glendale and the Phoenix metropolitan region’s compliance with national dust standards.

Informing people on how to make better choices in reducing pollution, Adams shares alternative methods of transportation such as transit (bus or light rail), carpool/vanpool, bicycle, walking and compressed work week. In addition, Adams discusses how Glendale is helping enhance air quality through a program called “Travel Green.” Through this program, informational tools and resources are available to help residents, employers and employees. For example, there is a special training that teaches people how to ride the bus. BAGIT (Bus and Gus Individual Training) classes are held at 10 a.m. at the Glendale Adult Center the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

The 30-minute TV show, produced by the staff at the city's TV station, Glendale 11, will debut Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and will then air daily on Glendale 11 as well as online via the city's video library at [www.glendaleaz.com/video](http://www.glendaleaz.com/video). Exclusive segments can also be found on the city's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11](http://www.youtube.com/MyGlendale11).

For more information about the new TV show, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendale11). For more information on Glendale Environmental Resources, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources](http://www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources).

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